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Students studying for upcoming boards should look here and on the School of Medicine and Health Sciences web page for announcements regarding special, designated quiet study areas in May, June, and July.

#### Finally, all NIH grant recipients need to be aware of the following information.

For non-competing continuation grant awards with a start date of July 1, 2013 or beyond NIH will delay processing of an award if publications arising from it are not in compliance with the NIH public access policy. Under the policy all peer-reviewed journal articles arising from NIH-funded research must be made publicly available in PubMed Central no later than 12 months after the date of publication.

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#### What has been your most memorable moment at GW?

I have some many great memories, and quite a bit of anecdotes as a result of this, of my career at GWU. I will put together my Letterman moments (it may be in the 3 digit mark!) and share it with the SPHHS Community at some point. Among my most memorable moments was one of the first lectures I gave in SAS back in 1994. My daughter Katerina had just been born and I had not slept for a couple of days. Obviously, I had not prepared my notes for class so I decided to improvise a lecture. It was a great lecture!

#### How did you become interested in your field?

I became very passionate about statistics in general in my sophomore year studying Economics at Universidad del Pacifico in Lima, Peru. My MS and PhD in applied stat and math stat respectively followed. I then ventured into GIS about a decade ago. It is a fascinating field with technology updates almost monthly. Delivering a lecture came naturally to me and I always look forward to it. I will not trade for anything when students complete one of my programming courses (SAS/GIS) and

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can take on a difficult project on their own. I take great pride on the accomplishments from students, academically and professionally. I am always looking for ways to get students involved in activities I participate so I can share my experience with them.

**What library resources or services have you found to be the most useful?**

I use multiple resources from the library. Its' electronic journals and the computer classrooms. I also access Audiovisuals quite frequently and like to learn the use of any new equipment installed in Ross Hall classrooms.

**Whom do you admire?**

I would remember forever the kindness and generosity, and of course the sense of humor, of my father. Always extending his hand to help those in need. Always having an ear to hear and a word of wisdom to give. My brothers and I are determined to continue his legacy.

**How do you spend your free time? (or What do you do to relax?)**

I like to walk, swim, hike, work out. I also spend time evaluating my lectures, sometimes immediately after a class. I look for ways to improve them. Never repeating and always updating a topic. All of my lectures have some spontaneity and I try to add a touch of humor.

**What advice would you give to a new faculty member just starting at GW?**

The SPHHS offers an excellent environment for junior faculty to grow into the academic profession. This will become more evident when we move into our new building in 2014. I encourage our junior faculty to take advantage of the experience some of us have in higher education. Sharing this experience and building on it would guaranteed their success and that we have fulfilled our mission. Never give up and remember that to every problem ... there is a solution.



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The facet groups allow searchers to limit retrieval by the field the terms matched (title, author, subject), or limit by location (i.e., Stacks, Online, Reserves), or limit by format (i.e., Ebook, Journal, CD-ROM). The Topic facet shows searchers frequently occurring keywords or subjects in the hits retrieved and the Publication Date facet displays how many hits for each year. Scrolling further down the left column, Related Searches provides other access points or search terms to aid in discovering additional sources.

Once desired items have been located, searchers can save results to a folder, email results, or send to RefWorks. Using the Login function under Search Tools at the bottom of the Encore screens, library users can log in to their accounts using their name and barcode number from the back of their GWorld card. Logging in allows lists of results to be saved beyond the search session.

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The new system just became available in mid-March and the library is still working on some functions. Because a number of items are still checked out on the old system, users are encouraged to contact the Circulation Desk directly at 202-994-2962 for assistance with placing holds and renewing materials. These functions should be available through the User Account services by end of the month.

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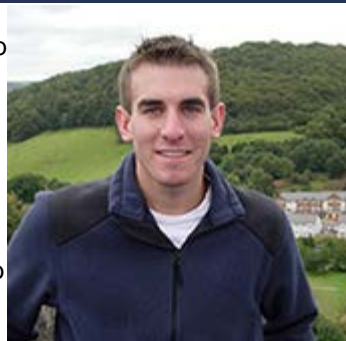
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He grew up in upstate New York, approximately 1.5 hrs from NYC and received his B.A. from Dickinson College and his MLIS from the University of Pittsburgh. During his college years he first majored in History and did not originally consider being a librarian as a career choice. His experience as an undergraduate working in an on-campus job gave him his first opportunity to learn web design. Transitioning his technical skills into libraries gave him a way to apply his web design skills but also maintain some variety in his day-to-day work interacting with faculty and students.

In his spare time Michael enjoys running. He ran cross country and track throughout college and he still likes to run, but the challenge is finding the time in his busy schedule. In addition to running he enjoys reading, watching soccer and traveling. He has had the opportunity to study abroad in England and has since traveled to several other European countries. The next country he would like to explore is the U.S. - especially travelling to places out west.

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